



# Timberbank Times

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## Principal's Message

Dear Timberbank Parents/Guardians,

Spring is in the air! And we are all hoping that the warm weather is just around the corner. There are days however when we are forecasted for cooler weather. For this reason, please take a moment to check the weather each morning so that our students are dressed as needed for outdoor play.

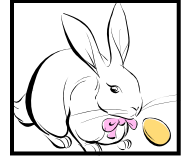
Walking through the classrooms there is real excitement as students and teachers are engaged in great learning. Everyone in the school is focused on our Social Justice theme: "Access to Clean Water". Students have been hard at work learning about how water is accessed locally in our community and how available water is globally. With the recent tragedy in Japan, students have been learning about how important water and access to clean water is in our daily lives.

As part of our fundraising efforts for "Relief for Japan", we want to thank everyone who participated in our Tweekie Tuesday on March 29th. Our community raised \$494 and along with our \$190 profit from our recent pizza lunch, we are pleased to be sending these funds to the Canadian Red Cross in support of those who have suffered in Japan.

Timberbank continues to be a busy place with many great activities for our students. Whether it be Houseleague, Choir, Folkfest, Forest of Reading, Girls Group, Co-ed Volleyball, or EcoTeam, our hope is that there is something for everyone!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Anna Epitropou*



## Upcoming Dates

April 11	Parent Internet Safety Workshop @ 7pm in the Library	
April 13	<b>Pink Day - Anti-bullying</b>	
April 15	Spring Community Clean Up	
April 22	Good Friday (No School)	<b>April 25</b> Easter Monday (No School)
April 29	Favourite Sport Shirt Day	
May 2	Federal Elections - Timberbank Gym - Polling Station	
May 5	125th TDSB Spring Music Festival @ 7pm - Massey Hall	
May 9	Social Justice Celebration am / Menaka Thakkar Dance presentation pm	
May 9	Folkfest East Jamboree at Scarborough Civic Centre @ 6pm	
May 12	EQAO Parent Information Night @ 6:30 pm	
May 17	Asian Heritage Celebration @ Georges Vanier CI - 10 am	
May 19	School Council Meeting in the Staffroom @ 6:30 pm	

### **FOS Speech Arts Competition**

On March 28th, William and Sendoran from our grade 6 class represented Timberbank at the Family of Schools Elementary Speech Arts Competition. Both boys spoke wonderfully and made us very proud. Public Speaking is a challenging activity but William and Sendoran did an absolutely amazing job at Terry Fox Public School. Congratulations to William for placing 3rd with his speech on "Social Justice".



### **Hospital for Sick Children Child**

#### **Pedestrian Study**

This May and June, the Hospital for Sick Children will be running a study in public elementary school neighbourhoods throughout Toronto. This study will look at how to make the traffic environment safer for children walking to school. Trained university students will be standing outside our school counting how children arrive in the morning (walking, biking or by car), and evaluating what makes a safe walking environment. These students will be identifiable by their clipboards and their Hospital for Sick Children badges.

Some of the schools will also be selected to do a parent survey sometime in April-May to be completed for children in grades 4, 5 and 6. We will be finding out if we are selected to do these surveys by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April. These surveys will be given out by the classroom teachers and should be returned to the teachers or the school office. Alternatively, the surveys will be available to do online.

If you have any questions about this study, please feel free to contact Linda Rothman at the Hospital

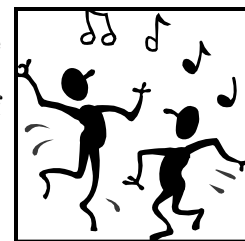
for Sick Children at (416) 813-6919, or by email at [linda.rothman@sickkids.ca](mailto:linda.rothman@sickkids.ca)

Thank you for helping us make your child's trip to school as safe as possible!



### **Folkfest**

There have been several hard working and dedicated dancers who have been practicing each week at lunch time. They are learning a variety of dances to perform both at the Scarborough East Jamboree on Monday, May 9th at the Scarborough Civic Centre and at the South Folkfest Event on Tuesday, May 17th at Lawrence Park CI.



Happy Dancing!

### **Athletics**

**Co-ed Volleyball:** The grade 6 co-ed volleyball team has been practicing almost daily and it has certainly paid off. On Monday, April 4th, the team competed at a tournament at JB Tyrell and placed 2nd. They are now moving on to the semi-finals for the Conference. Best of Luck to: Arthiran, Atsana, Deepika, Haristan, John, Mona, Sangheertha, Sarraneya, Taha, & William.



Of course, we also want to thank their coaches, Mr. O'Connor and Ms Kwok, for all their hard work and dedication to the team! Go T-Wolves Go!

### **ECO Team**

In Eco club, we learned that we should always turn off the lights and bring reusable containers. We also learned to not waste paper. By doing these things we are saving the planet and keeping the Earth clean.



Our goal is to teach everyone to do their part in being ECO friendly. That way, we will be ready for the audit results. Hopefully, we will be an ECO certified School.

### **ECO tip of the month:**

Buy food in bulk because you save money and you also reduce garbage.

*Written by:* Taylor (grade 5) & Demetri (grade 1)

### “Creepy Crawlers”

Upon returning from the March Break, we had a very special presentation from “Creepy Crawlers”. Each class had an opportunity to meet and greet the many reptiles that were brought in for them to see. As you can see, many had a very close look at the different creepy crawlers...



### Timberbank Talent

Just before the March Break, our many talented students took to the stage and showed us how talented they really are! We think you will agree...





## Staying “ON T.R.A.C.K.”

The purpose of the Timberbank “On T.R.A.C.K.” Recognition Program is to raise awareness of each student’s contribution to personal and social responsibility. Through the enhanced awareness, both staff and students will focus on character development highlighting the positive contributions and actions of all members of the Timberbank School Community. Through regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured.



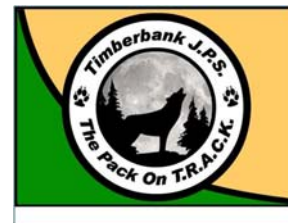
**T** - Teamwork and Trust

**R** - Respect and Responsibility

**A** - Attitude and Achievement

**C** - Commitment and Courtesy

**K** - Kindness and Keeping Safe



Congratulations to the following students for being recognized for their Commitment, Cooperation and Courtesy and staying “ON TRACK”.

**Mrs Ball’s AM class:** Ava, Toni, Vivian, Zainab; **Mrs. Ball’s PM Class:** Angus, Ciarah, Kevin, Vicki; **Ms Chan’s Class:** Aksaya, Gajeevan, Georgia, Rahma, Thomas; **Mrs. Aziz’s Class:** Christina, Harshaan, Mu Lei, Nancy L., Nancy Z.; **Mrs. Jeung’s Class:** Abisha, Ariana, Mohamed, Ragul; **Ms Hwang/Mr. Mirshahi’s Class:** Aneka, Ashwin, Parvathy; **Mrs. Walker’s Class:** Arakan, Betty, Hajra, Matthew; **Ms Persaud’s Class:** Hanad, Vyren; **Mrs. Lee-Davis’ Class:** Andrew, Anjali, Elson, Gayathiri, Tracy, Vicky; **Mr. O’Connor’s Class:** Abi, Arthiran, Atsana, Birathayini, Danny & Reshma.

## School Council News

At our last School Council meeting, we had an opportunity to look at next year’s staffing models. There were several models presented based on the work of the Timberbank staff. For more details, please take a look at the minutes posted on the Timberbank wiki at <https://timberbank.wikispaces.com>.

Also, the Timberbank website has many important notices for parents and our community. It is a great place to go and visit to see what your children are learning at school. There are many interactive games created by our students for others to enjoy. Our monthly calendar is updated for parents to note special dates, trips, and presentations. Take a look at the recent Digital Creations posted this month. They are fantastic!



Thank you to those parents who participated in our Parent Internet Safety Workshop on Monday, April 11, 2011. We hope you found it helpful.

*Reminder!*

### Gentle Reminders:

- When your child is absent or late, please give us a call to let us know at **416-396-6860** and **press 1 to leave a message**. For your convenience, the **Safe Arrival voice mailbox is available 24 hours each day**. All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter.
- **Lates:** Please remember the importance of starting the day on the right foot! We have many students arriving late and we are asking your help to get them to school on time. Try setting your alarm clock 5 minutes earlier...it might just help! The students are asked to enter through their assigned door at the back of the school. There are student ambassadors on duty until the final entry bell to let students in.
- **Parking Lot Safety:** Please make sure that you park your car if you are dropping off your child. There is a walkway along the side where students are to make their way into the playground. It is very dangerous for children to walk between the parked cars. We ask for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.